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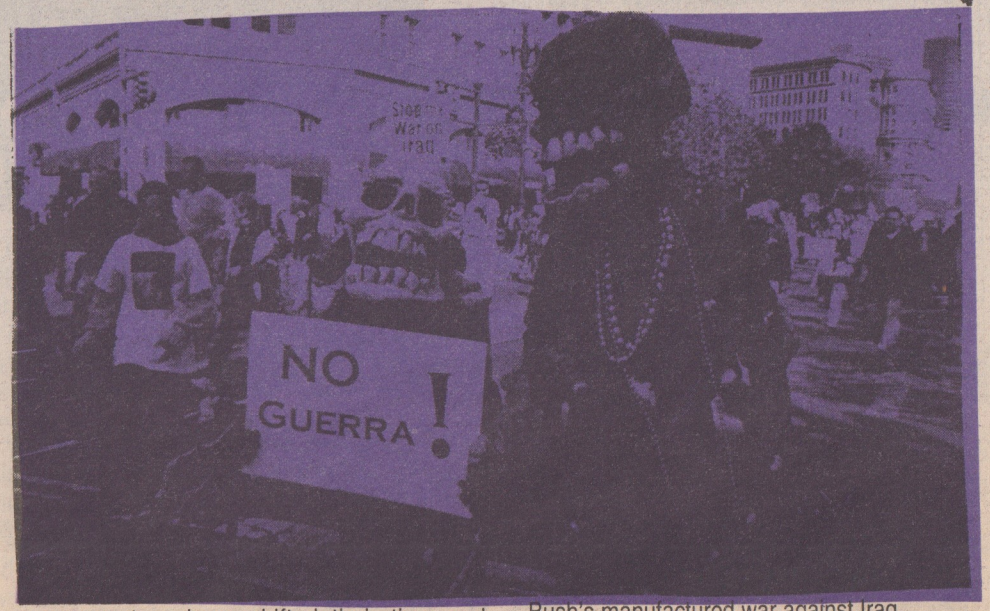
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By PB Floyd

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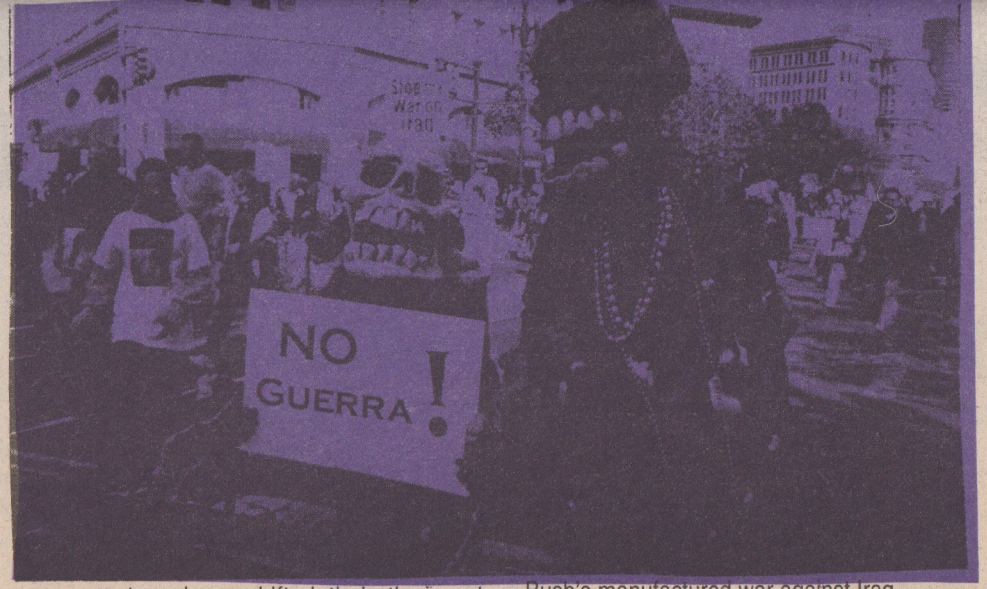
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But the ripples haven't been limited to the mainstream political reality. In the US and around the world, people involved in popular movements that had been starting to challenge the economic assumptions of the ruling order — generally known as the anti-globalization



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If those in power are able to divert activism which would have been directed against their economic domination into defensive single-issue activism narrowly focused against war, the war will pay much greater dividends than mere control over vast oil resources.

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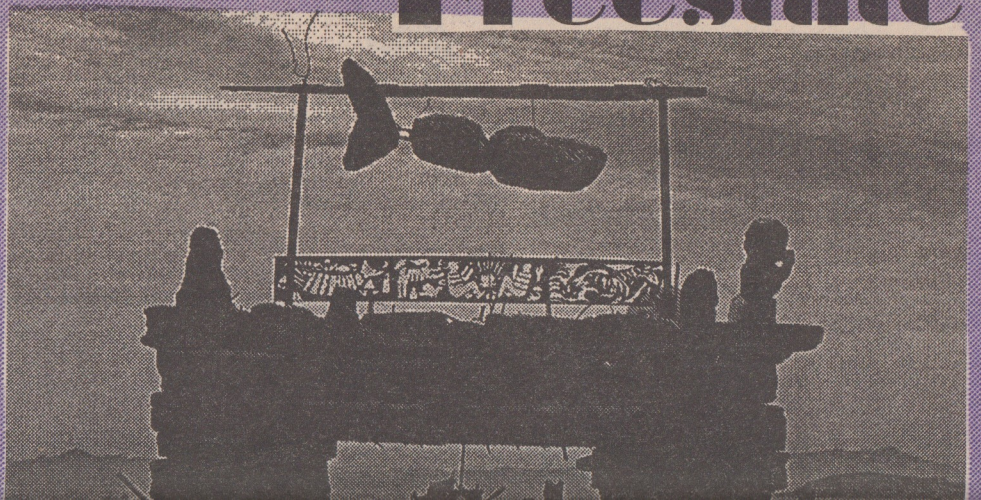
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The International Longshore and Warehouse Union's contract expired in July, and the union had been in contract negotiations with the PMA since spring. But months before that, the PMA had been scheming to destroy the ILWU.

In May, a new "bosses" organization was formed call the West Coast Waterfront Coalition. The organization was a coalition of slave labor retailers that included Mattel, Home Depot and the Gap, together with shipping lines Maersk and American President Lines. In this age of sweatshop labor, the dockworkers are the last group of workers in the shipping lines' food chain who are paid fairly. The PMA would like nothing better than to reduce them to sweatshop labor as well.

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Anarchists, crackheads, speed freaks, punks, partiers, weird creators, solitary souls, hippies, and any one else who gives a shit will form a militia to keep the organized state out of the landfill. Walls will be erected, the neck blasted out, and ferry lines run between the Berkeley Marina for transportation and supplies. While anarchists fight for community organization in the rest of the East Bay, here the chaotic, wild, free nature of anarchism, of life, will be demonstrated in a grand display of creation and force.

Dog walkers, 'artists', and other such liberal mandy-panderers will have to choose their side. They must realize that the reason their dogs run free and their paintings show unrestrained, perverted sex is not because the landfill is a dog run or an open-air Mapplethorpe gallery, but because both free dogs and free art are obvious indicators of wild, unrestrained life.

Liberals cannot bargain with the state and retain freedom. Both dog runs and sculpture gardens exist within the organized State, but they are regulated, and the spirit of the landfill will wither as soon as the state sanctions activity there.

The State believes the landfill will be a pleasant addition to the still-developing EastShore Regional Park, a native plant and wildlife sanctuary with paved paths and sports fields. But the landfill is acres of toxic fill, off-gassing PCBs, and heavy metals. The

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Times are turbulent everywhere we look, but is this really any different than other times? We are aware of our own limits as we gaze upon quite possibly the last roll of old cut and paste-style graphic design register mark tape in the world, found for us all the way in Florida by our friend Cometbus.

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Strange world department

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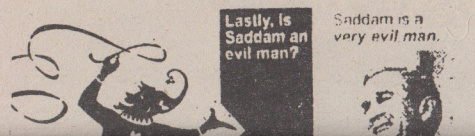
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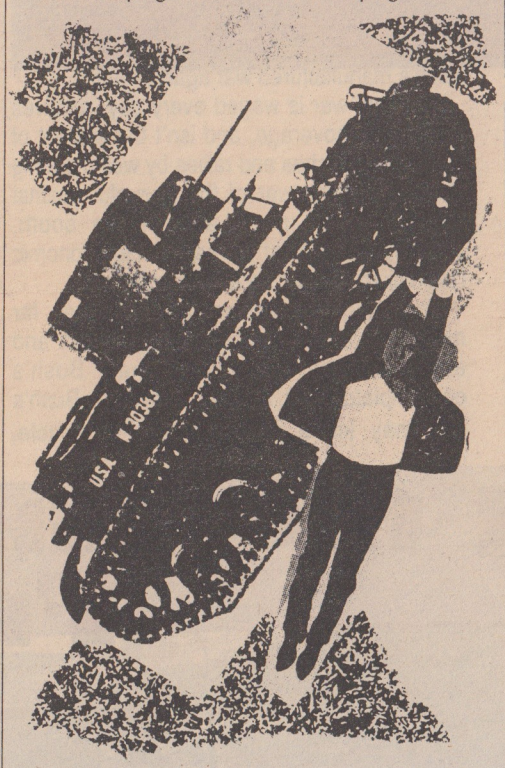
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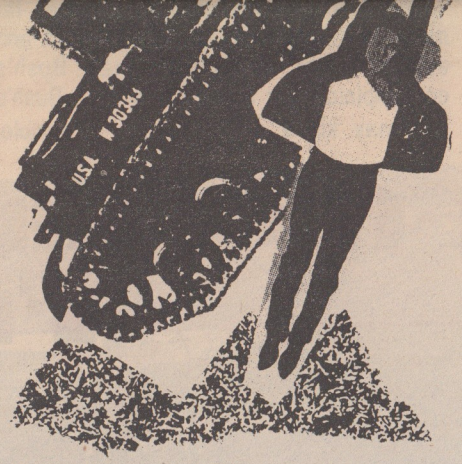
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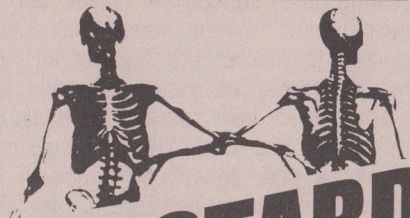
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BASTARD conference

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Proposals on other topics will also be considered. Please send workshop proposals to bastard@angrynerds.com or mail to: ASG c/o the Long Haul, 3124 Shattuck Ave., Berkeley, CA 94705

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For Artistic purposes only — do not try this at home!

Come to the Long Haul's Second annual Anarchist Crush Night on Valentine's Day, 2003! They'll be sexy party games, music, food plus our exclusive matching service which allows you anonymously to see if that certain crusty someone might like you, too. The first Crush Night last year took a few days to recover from, after horny party-goers smeared all our free lube on eachother in an outrageous display of . . . what was that all about again? At least one couple who hooked up last year is still together, and they both even work in the Slingshot Collective!!! Please keep in mind that *you must work out your* polyamory *issues BEFORE Crush Night.* Better get to work on that right now! The party will start at Long Haul, 3124 Shattuck in Berkeley right after Critical Mass Bike Ride (about 8 p.m.)

DO IT YOURSELF

a scene critque

by xxxtra olestra

The anarchist Do-It-Yourself ethic has succeeded in creating a flourishing counterculture. The scene excels at developing low-tech solutions to the consumerist, petroleum-based mainstream, simple designs based on recycled materials that aim at being user-friendly.

However, I think this success comes at a price: passionate activists put so much time into specific projects that little thought is devoted to critiquing how the entrenched countercultural lifestyle actually meets - or doesn't meet-people's needs. This scene is, undoubtedly, a scene, and it is not particularly open or inviting to new people. The scene takes on mythological proportions, and people feel they have to live up to certain standards in order to participate. Everybody is different, but people censor and mold what they show to a scene in order to fit in. This perpetuates the myth of homogeneity, and turns off people who can't or don't feel like doing the work to fit in.

Many people don't want to take on the emotional trip of feeling like the odd one out. It is a struggle to attend events where you feel like you're the only person representing, where you are perceived as 'different' and either fetishized or considered dangerous, scary, complicated, and thus ignored. It hurts to feel like you have to put on an act, to go into the closet, in order to be comfortable in a group. A scene where people feel bad for not fitting in is little more than a mimicry of the mainstream, one subculture out of many. The folks closing people out of the scene are the same folks who are shut out of some aspect of mainstream culture. At some point, everybody puts on an act in order to fit in.

In reality, all kinds of people are doing all kinds of different things, whether they are underground or out about their actions. People are much more complex than this model of homogenous subcultures. People do take risks, make decisions and go places they're not 'supposed' to. Unless you talk to somebody and they choose to tell you, you can't always see that 'white' boy's Mexican dad, that 'straight' girl's lesbian parents, that 'able-bodied' person's disability, that 'suburban' punk's welfare childhood. Perhaps you have not 'seen' that person of color within 'the activist scene', even though they have been at every major protest for 20 years.

The energy and time required to (re)build organizations and physical infrastructure from the ground up means that this type of revolutionary actions comes most easily to certain people, who are able bodied, young, frequently white and from middle class backgrounds, and with few commitments other than this radical lifestyle. Many do-it-yourself activists do recognize the limited potential of a homogenous scene-but people seem to be forgetting that homogeneity is the very nature of a countercultural lifestyle!

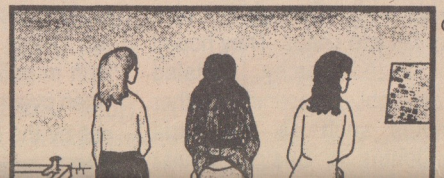
Sharing a lifestyle, particularly one based on political convictions, is a way of finding support in the midst of a callous world. What is a lifestyle, but simply a set of actions folks



take to meet their living needs; a radical, political lifestyle gives political purpose to fulfilling this particular set of actions. However, everybody has different needs. Placing too much importance on living a lifestyle as a political act means that folks are judged as 'less revolutionary' when they make decisions that aren't in line with the political rhetoric-- or simply that there is no room for them within the scene.

Overt judgments come down hard when people are open about making decisions not in line with prescribed do-it-yourself anarchist rhetoric. People are judged for the kind of healthcare they use, the kind of job they get, the projects they take on, where they choose to live. Few decisions are easy when you're trying to balance political connotations and personal needs. To me, it's important that people question the models they're given-whether within the mainstream or within the counterculture-and make decisions that truly reflect their needs, rather than struggling to fit their life into a box. Talking about motives behind a decision may lead to positive, even revolutionary personal change (for everybody involved), while dissing a decision will more likely piss somebody off and make them feel unwelcome.

Other folks struggle within the DIY scene, or are simply not there, because the entrenched DIY lifestyle doesn't meet their needs. People running the scene engines are too self-focused, too passionate about the current state of things, or to politically rigid to think about changing course. For example,



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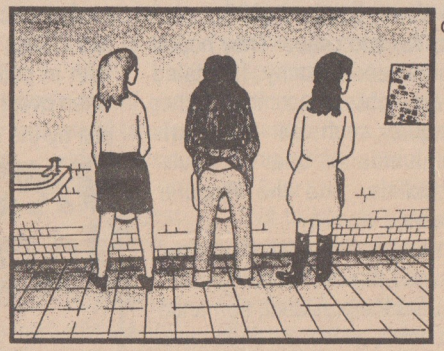
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take to meet their living needs; a radical, political lifestyle gives political purpose to fulfilling this particular set of actions. However, everybody has different needs. to balance political connotations and personal needs. To me, it's important that people question the models they're given-whether within the mainstream or within the counterculture-and make decisions that truly reflect their needs, rather than struggling to fit their life into a box. Talking about motives behind a decision may lead to positive, even revolutionary personal change (for everybody involved), while dissing a decision will more likely piss somebody off and make them feel unwelcome.

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Many who participated in the ANA view these anti-nuclear protests as part of the struggle for the rights of indigenous people in the United States. Author/activist Ward Churchill has challenged "the Left" to work with indigenous peoples in the United States to resolve the Native American land question. The colonization of indigenous peoples must be addressed in order avoid the duplication of the colonialist/settler mentality in social relations between Native Americans and white radicals. This land question, which can be understood in terms of a colonial relationship between a subjugated nation and a colonial power, is at the heart of the struggle over reclaiming the Nevada Test Site as part of Newe Sogobia, the traditional land of the Western Shoshone.

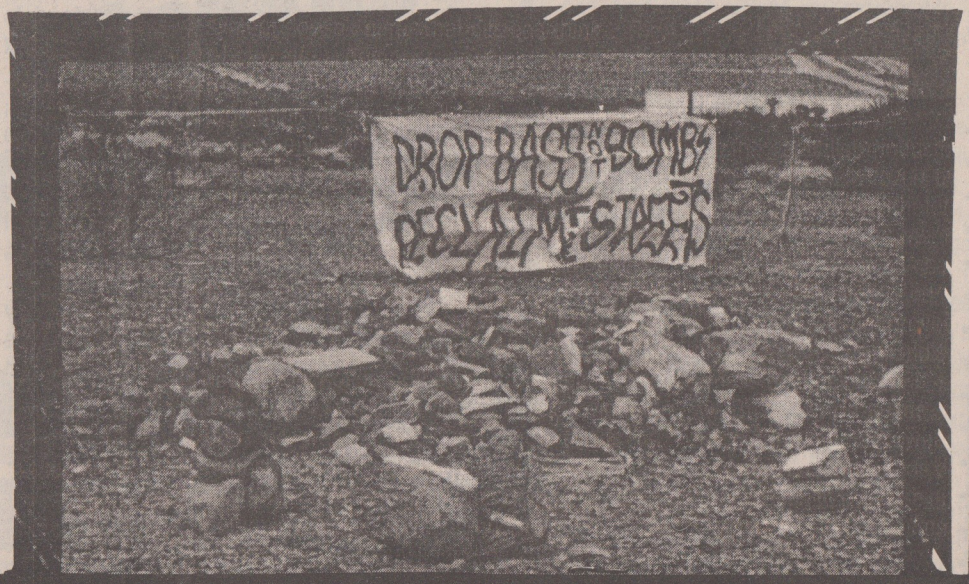
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Meanwhile, the economic crisis is expanding across South America through Brazil, Ecuador, Uruguay and Paraguay. Argentina, once the model for IMF free market reforms, now suffers from 25% unemployment, a 75% devaluation of the peso, and hyperinflation, with no relief in sight. In Brazil, South America's largest economy, the value of its currency the *real* has dropped more than 20% and government bonds have fallen to half their face value because of fears of government default. Paraguay and Uruguay fear a banking collapse and deepening recession, trying to hold off on debt by getting more loans from the IMF. These countries fear the collapse of

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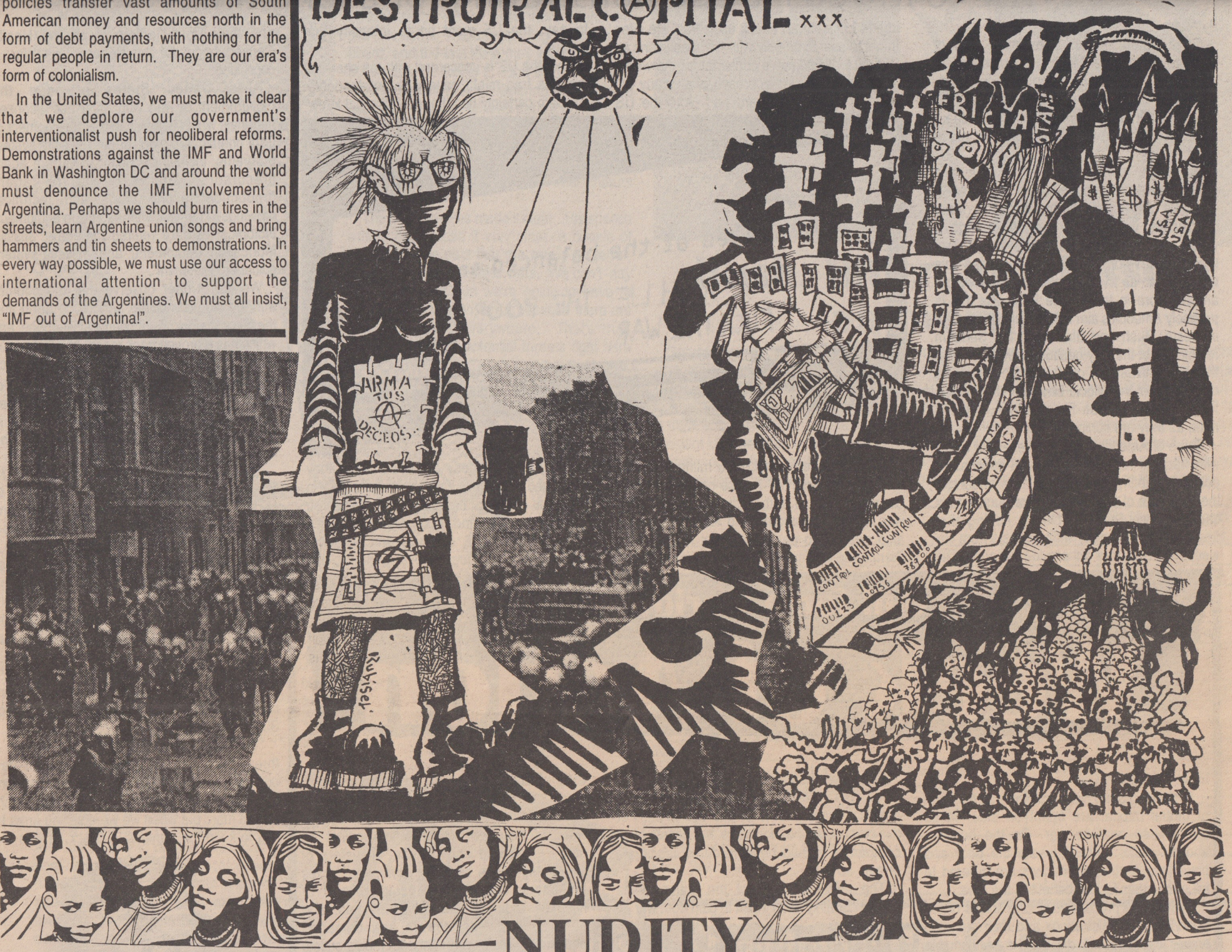
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Nigeria, like most African nations, is plagued by the aftereffects of colonialism. While Nigeria is the fifth largest supplier of oil to the United States, 120 million of its citizens live in poverty and its government is one of the most corrupt in the world.

Oil was discovered in Nigeria in the 1950's and since that time the wealth from that oil, billions of dollars, has been kept from the population at large and concentrated in the hands of the elites. The vast bulk of the oil wealth of Nigeria is of course in the pockets of international oil companies like Royal Dutch Shell and ChevronTexaco. ChevronTexaco is currently building Africa's largest gas pipeline, a behemoth that will stretch from Nigeria to Senegal.

For decades the people of Nigeria resisted multinational oil companies — from the fight of the Ogoni people and Ken Saro-Wiwa's struggle and eventual execution in 1995 to a September 2001 siege in which angry youths took over two crude oil production plants and damaged them. Violent protests have been endemic to Nigeria.

But earlier this year a different type of protest took place. On July 15, 2002 in Escravos, 600 women took over the main ChevronTexaco oil terminal. They trapped 700 western employees inside and shut down the facility for ten days at a cost to ChevronTexaco of about $78 million. The women were able to do this by threatening to disrobe and demonstrate naked, female nudity being a traditional shaming gesture. Such a shaming would have humiliated and damned ChevronTexaco throughout the region.

The women were demonstrating for their share of the oil wealth of their nation. They forced ChevronTexaco to negotiate on several points including; jobs for their sons, ChevronTexaco building electricity and water systems for their villages, building schools, clinics and town halls and helping to build fish and chicken farms. ChevronTexaco has said it would agree to these demands, but that remains to be seen.

The seeming success of these women in their non-violent protest is especially remarkable in light of the harrowing conditions of all women in Nigeria. In the north, several states have adopted Sharia law (Islamic law) and women have been sentenced to death by stoning for adultery or more precisely, becoming pregnant out of wedlock.

One woman, Safiya Husseini, has recently escaped her death sentence by becoming the citizen of another country. This avenue of escape is not open to many women, especially poor women. Another woman, Amina Lawal, had her death sentence upheld by the regional court in Katsina State and she is appealing to the high court in Nigeria. The federal government in Nigeria has declared the introduction of Sharia law unconstitutional but so far has not moved to stop the death by stoning sentences of several women.

In cases of adultery it is the woman risks punishment under Sharia law — the man who got Amina Lawal pregnant was not prosecuted for lack of evidence. As Safiya Husseini said after her sentencing, "Only I will be punished because the injustice of the law is that men are not punished for impregnating women. I insist my crime is not adultery but pregnancy. Since only women can be pregnant this means that the real crime is being a woman."

It is extraordinary and inspiring that the 600 women of Escravos were able to commit such a courageous act of protest in a country where women are sentenced to death for conceiving a child outside of marriage.





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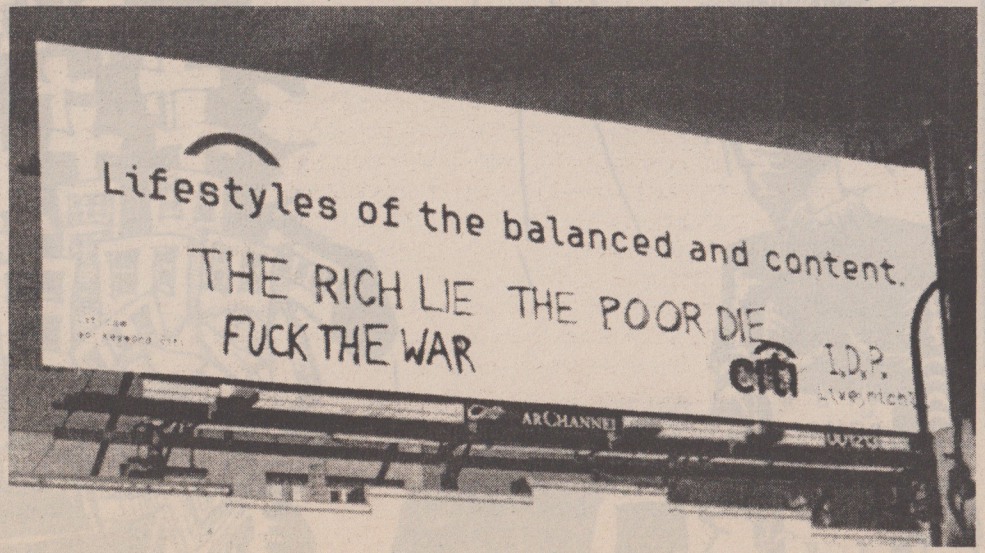
By Adam

Once again, in an attempt to protect Western control over Middle East oil supplies, the titular head of US corporate capitalism, George W Bush, has presented the world with the vision of well-known bogey-man Saddam Hussein building up weapons of mass destruction.

No doubt, in this world where "might is right", the Iraq regime would like to arm itself, just like any other state, with the most destructive weapons it can afford, and it would not be at all surprising that it was trying to develop them. In Iraq's case this would be so as to be able to throw its weight around more in the Middle East. But this is precisely America's aim too. Hence the clash of interests. Bush and Blair want the Saddam regime out of the way because they see it as a threat to Western capitalism's continued domination of the Middle East and its oil fields. It's as simple as that. For them too, might is right, as they are itching to prove.

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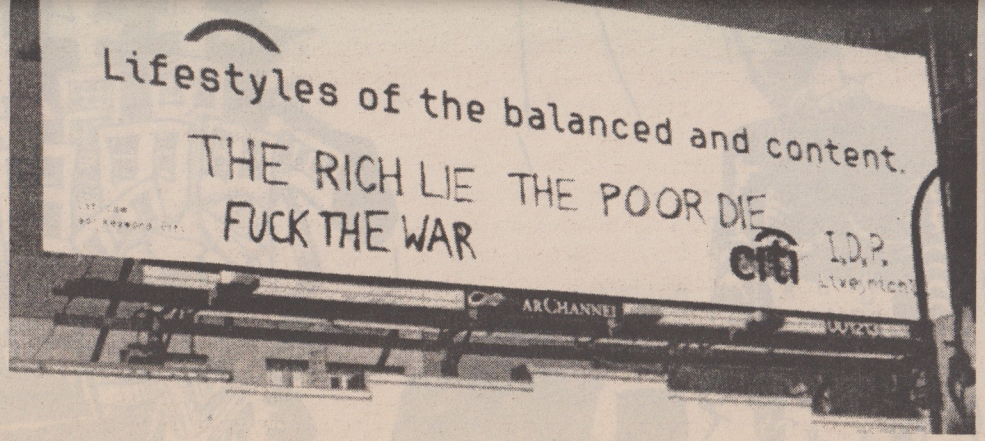
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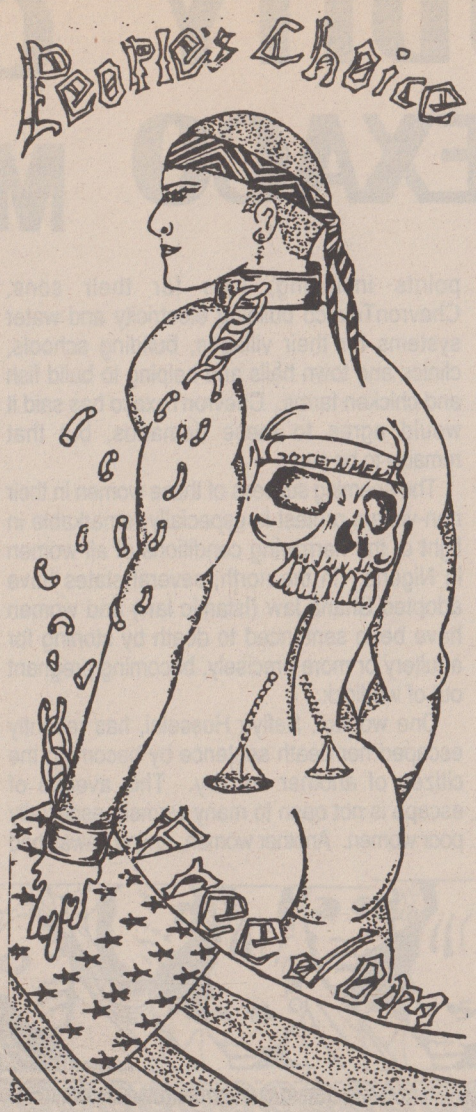
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So if you're only demonstrating against war, then take my advice and invest in a sturdy anti-war banner, for if you are prepared to oppose war without opposing the very system that gives rise to it, then you'll be demonstrating for quite some time to come. Alternatively you can join the movement which believes that to end wars we must put an end to capitalism. An uphill struggle? Less than campaigning to end war against the backdrop of the profit system.

We must unite to establish a world community without frontiers where all the resources of the planet would be at the disposal of all the people of the planet. Then we could use them to end world poverty, hunger and preventable disease once and for all and rapidly move towards applying the principle "from each according to their abilities, to each according to their needs", ensuring that no man, woman or child anywhere on Earth goes without adequate food, clothing, shelter or other amenities. A world where wars and weapons of mass destruction would be things of the past. This can be done. So let's do it.

Originally an anti-war flyer in England

think outside the box

In case of war take Direct Action

By P. Wingnut

Its time to put the "Ahhhh!!!!" back into Anarchist! Stopping the war is going to require more creative forms of social disruption

As *Slingshot* goes to press, Congress has authorized Bush to go to war against Iraq, although the bombs haven't actually begun to fall. Action on the political field within mainstream channels — calling one's congressperson, lobbying, writing letters — has been attempted and has failed. At this point, there are really two options: turn on the TV and watch the cool video of the smartbombs blowing up Iraq, or prepare to resist and disrupt the war in the streets however you can.

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If domestic opposition to the war is to play any effective part in Bush's decision making on whether or how to wage the war, the opposition must take the form of *disruption of the operation of American society.* In the period leading up to the actual attack, Bush needs to come to fear domestic chaos and disruption should he invade. He could care less about polite, legal rallies on sunny Sunday afternoons in which liberals stay within the police lines and threaten . . . nothing.

Disruption must be aimed not only at the progress of the war itself, but at any economic activity that contributes to the ability of this country to function. People around the world understand that once the United States, with unquestioned global military superiority, adopts a policy of unlimited military preemptive strikes, as it has now done, a Third World War pitting of the US against the rest of the world is a real possibility. The US is run by an un-elected regime accountable to no one. It's up to those of us here in the belly of the beast to avoid this disastrous outcome by impairing this country's ability to wage war.

In the context of the war on terrorism, traditional methods of disruption carry increased risks. Typical window smashing, rioting and arson are likely to result in a very short period of disruption, since the practitioners of these methods are likely to be quickly apprehended and imprisoned. Likewise, polite "sit in the road" civil disobedience actions are very limited in their ability to cause economically damaging disruption, because they are over so fast, followed by months of court hearings.

The above tired methods, which emphasize self-sacrifice, danger of state repression, and worst yet, boredom, aren't sufficiently disruptive and should be avoided. Instead, its time for a burst of creativity. The anarchist milieu has a crucial opportunity to contribute disruptive surrealist actions which sustain and amplify disruption, making the disruption ever increasing in its size and economic damage.

In particular, these actions burst the bounds of the expected — permitting self-expression, exploration, discovery, creativity, freedom and fun. Such actions, rather than burning activists out as we trudge through the valleys of tired obligation, have the potential to attract thousands of people new to radical political action. These surrealist actions are effective beyond traditional tactics because the state doesn't know how to react to something that's never been done before.

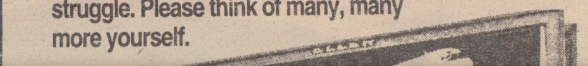
When disrupting business as usual, our main alley is chaos, confusion and uncertainty – the uncertainty of the authorities about what we might do next. If they know what we're going to do next, our disruptive capacity has already been isolated and limited. Maybe we can block a certain street — but the police are expert in knowing how to reroute traffic around any given street. Maybe we disrupt a whole city — but if pressed, the authorities can just decide to concede us that city until we grow tired.

But when the authorities don't know what could happen next – where we'll be next, what we might do next – then they have no ability to make decisions to limit our disruption. Instead, the authorities may panic and amplify our disruption out of fear about what could happen next. Like when the cops seal off a freeway entrance, blocking hundreds of cars, just in case people might try to get on the freeway. The cops just did our work for us. Except with surrealist actions, the ripples of the authorities fears can be far greater.

Logically, practicing disruption where the authorities don't know what might happen next implies that perhaps even we don't know what might happen next. If you're in a group of people participating in a disruptive action and none of you know what's gonna to happen next, but you're mobile, militant, fluid, disrupting whatever is at hand in the most creative, joyful, liberated fashion possible, you're probably being very effective, indeed. You're running amok.

West Side Story Surrealist Threat

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In the context of the war on terrorism, traditional methods of disruption carry increased risks. Typical window smashing, rioting and arson are likely to result in a very short period of disruption, since the practitioners of these methods are likely to be quickly apprehended and imprisoned. Likewise, polite "sit in the road" civil disobedience disruptive surrealist actions which sustain and amplify disruption, making the disruption ever increasing in its size and economic damage.

In particular, these actions burst the bounds of the expected — permitting self-expression, exploration, discovery, creativity, freedom and fun. Such actions, rather than burning activists out as we trudge through the valleys of tired obligation, have the potential to attract thousands of people new to radical political action. These surrealist actions are effective beyond traditional tactics because the state doesn't know how to react to something that's never been done before.

When disrupting business as usual, our main alley is chaos, confusion and uncertainty – the uncertainty of the authorities about what we might do next. If they know what we're going to do next, our disruptive capacity has already the authorities may panic and amplify our disruption out of fear about what could happen next. Like when the cops seal off a freeway entrance, blocking hundreds of cars, just in case people might try to get on the freeway. The cops just did our work for us. Except with surrealist actions, the ripples of the authorities fears can be far greater.

Logically, practicing disruption where the authorities don't know what might happen next implies that perhaps even we don't know what might happen next. If you're in a group of people participating in a disruptive action and none of you know what's gonna to happen next, but you're mobile, militant, fluid, disrupting whatever is at hand in the most creative, joyful, liberated fashion possible, you're probably being very effective, indeed. You're running amok.

West Side Story Surrealist Threat

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Here's some examples of unexpected yet disruptive actions we hope will become popular in the next phase of the struggle. Please think of many, many more yourself.



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Despite the fact that human sexuality is a beautiful, natural experience that connects us all, public sexuality has a vast disruptive capacity that shouldn't be ignored by those seeking to shut down business as usual. We can think of countless ways in which a small group or people (or even a single person) could create chaos using nudity, public sex, or related actions.

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WSSST performances literally blow the police's minds, and they don't know what to do. Official looking casting directors and directors negotiate with cops once they show up, telling them the whole thing is the newest Americrops project to keep underprivileged 20 somethings out of trouble. If all else fails, the whole cast can break into a rousing rendition of "Officer Krupke" before dancing off snapping their fingers in unison. Cool, Daddy-O!

This tactic, and the resulting severe damage to America's capitalist / industrial economy should it be replicated all across the country, is just one possible idea for disruptive surrealist anarchist actions. A whole touring drama movement could develop, performing the greater works of Shakespeare, Tennessee Williams plays, and lots of other groovy musicals -- from Guys and Dolls to Grease to Hair. See the "Cut Bush" section, below, for ideas to try during the nude scene during performances of Hair.

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As above, such rides are a perfect way for a tiny portion of the civilian population to disrupt the economic foundations of the war machine way out of proportion with their numbers. Whereas a small street march will be quickly broken up by the police and arrested, a small bike ride, going with the flow of traffic, obeying all traffic laws, and moving from place to place, is much more effective. Because a bike ride can move quickly and easily, it's possible to circulate around a business district, tying up lots of it even though the ride is only at a particular location for a few minutes and then moves on. This kind of mobile action is particularly frustrating for the authorities – they don't know what could happen next, or where.

It is possible police will arrest such a ride even though it obeys all laws, as recently happened in Washington DC. The key will be finding the balance between being disruptive and staying together, and appearing to just be out for a ride on one's bike. "Hey, its not my fault if there's a lot of bike traffic today!"

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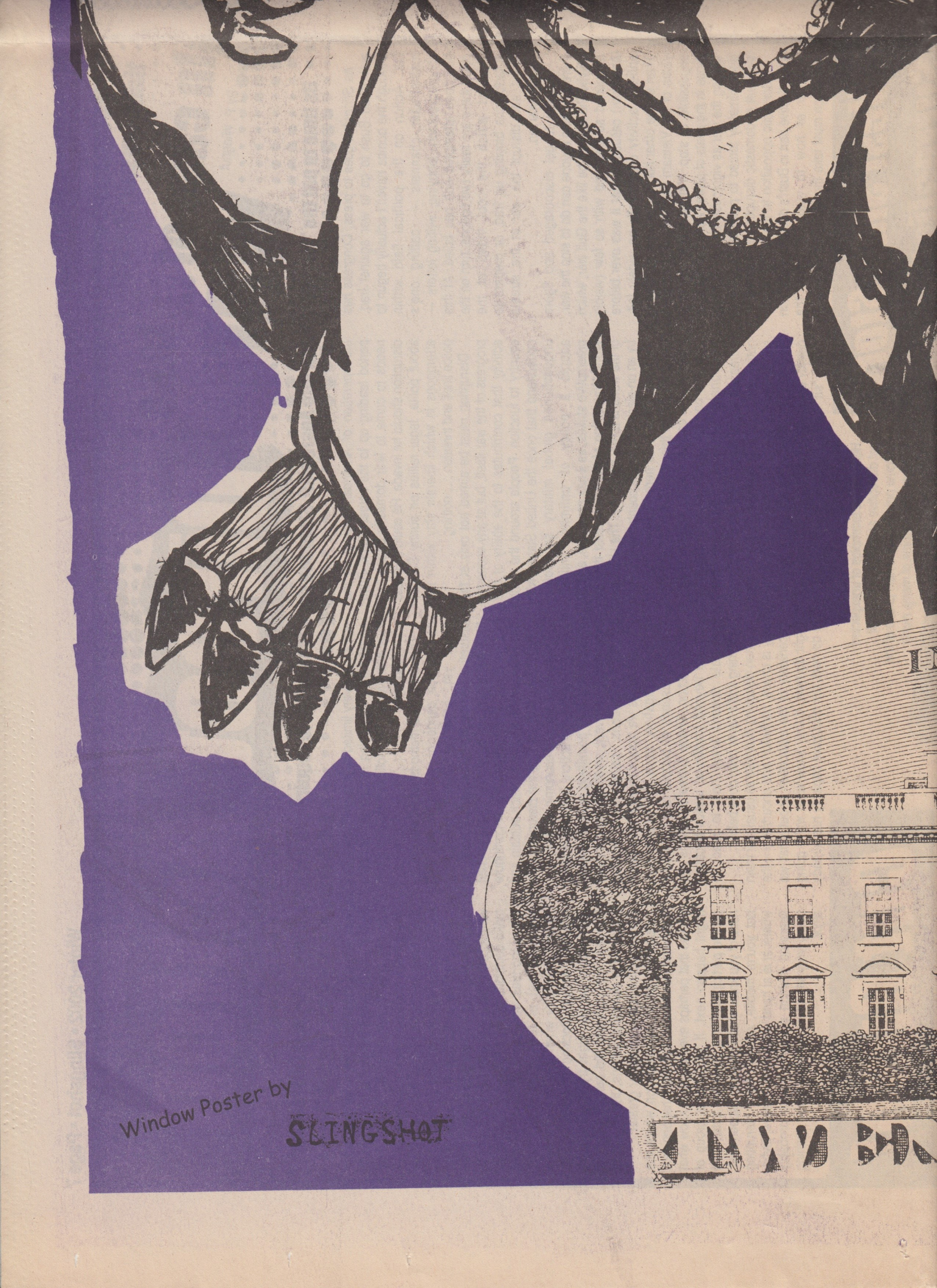
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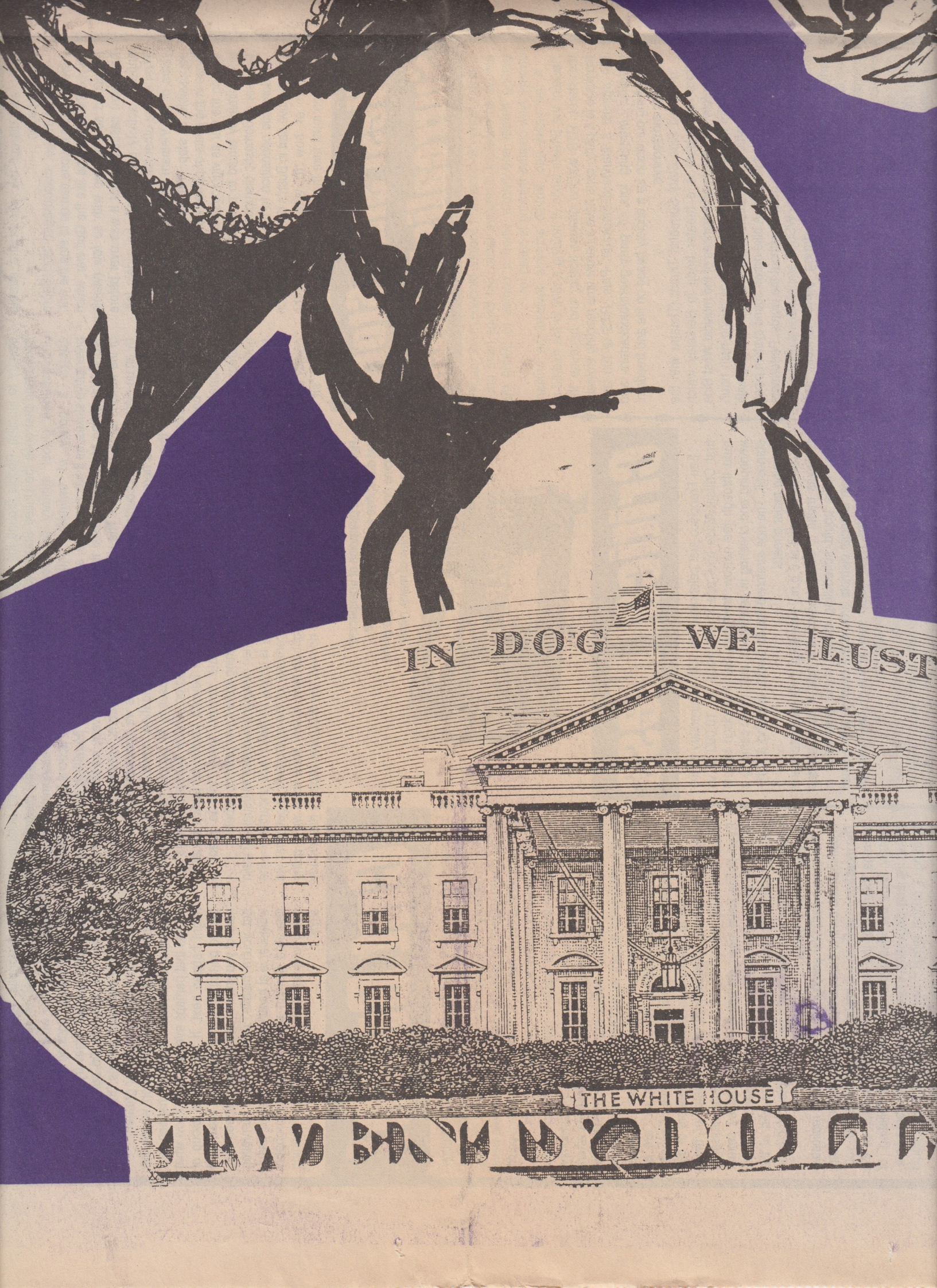
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With advances in DNA technology, it's probably better to be careful about this sort of thing. Therefore, we're proposing that each neighborhood would have collection stations which would mix the hair from various people into less than 1 pound packages. Such packages can be mailed with stamps anonymously from any postbox. Use gloves and other precautions when mailing. Just to spice things up a bit and confuse the DNA folks, mix in some hair or other bodily coverings from your pets (dogs, cats, rats, reptiles, maybe a few bids) and include all of this in your package.

Good luck!




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The Noam Chomsky

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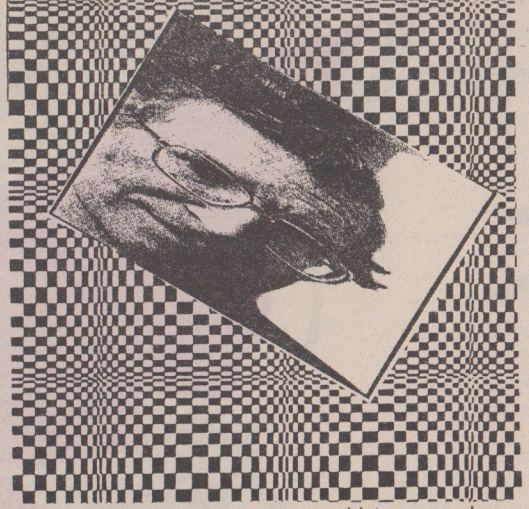
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happened, 20 years ago, when the Saudi government floated a similar plan, violently opposed by Israel. According to the Israeli press, Israel reacted by sending bombers over the oil fields, as a warning to the US, but one that was unnecessary because the Reagan administration joined Israel in rejecting that possibility for a political settlement, as it has consistently done. True, Israel might have been facing destruction, but one might argue that Israel's strategy allows that possibility. As far back as the 1950s, leaders of the then-ruling Labor Party advised that Israel should "go crazy" if the US wouldn't go along with its demands, and the "Samson complex" has been an element of planning -- how seriously, we don't know -- ever since. So we should bomb Israel right away, before it has a chance to carry out these evil plots.

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been enemies for years. There is no reason to believe that has changed. However if there are any links, they're going to be much harder to maintain after September 11 than before, for the simple reason of mass surveillance. That's only the beginning. In 1990, Saddam Hussein was a far greater threat that today. Remember all his major crimes were behind him. The gassing of the Kurds, the Iran-Iraqi war, torture, and other crimes. He was a first class world gangster and far more powerful than he is now. Furthermore he was developing weapons of mass destruction at a time when his reach was far greater than it is now Since that time, Iraq bombed and devastated and it has been subjected to more than a decade of severe sanctions. These have reduced it's capacity to carry out aggression. It's subject to over-flights. Regular bombing controls a good part of the country.

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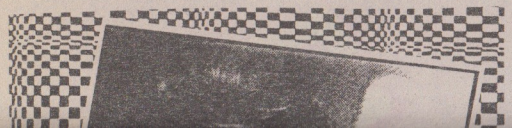


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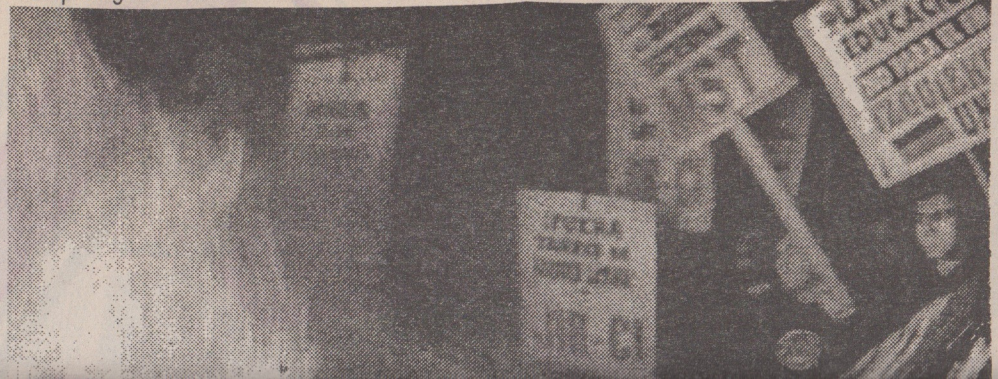
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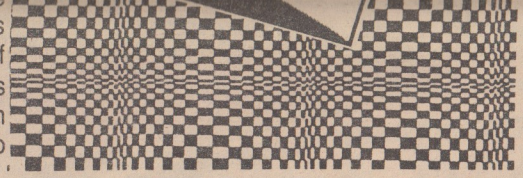
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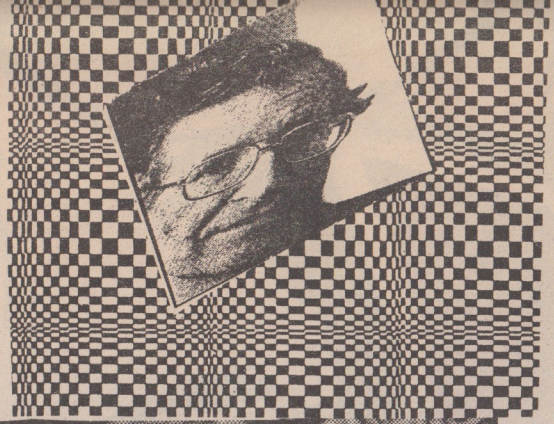


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administration serves even more intensively than the norm. That's happening all across the board, and the last thing they want people to do is pay attention to it. How do you do that? Here a variant of what Goering said is more accurate. The way to keep people from paying attention is to frighten them. If people are in fear, huddling under protection of the savior, maybe they won't pay too much attention to what's being done to them. That means constant war.

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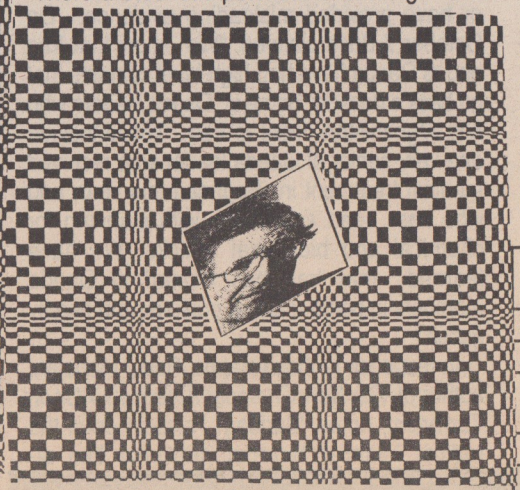


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Popularly Elected?	No	No	Yes
Wields or attempted to develop weapons of mass destruction?	Yes	Yes	Yes
Narcotics Used	Cocaine	?	Speed





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Mustache?	No	Yes	Yes
Uses/used military adventures to distract from domestic economic problems?	Yes	Yes	Yes
Popularly Elected?	No	No	Yes
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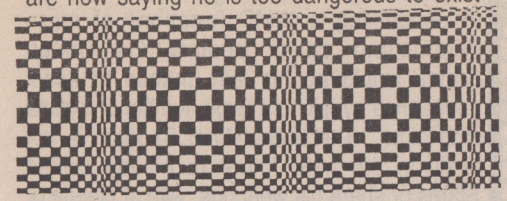
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Here we have to speculate. There are two plausible answers. First, the U.S. is trying to show its muscle, and it doesn't care much what happens to the people of the region. It's called establishing credibility. We have to show we're going to run the world, and if anyone gets out of line, we'll smash them. We have the power to do it, and we'll do it.

Second, there are also domestic reasons. It's not much of a secret that the Bush administration is carrying out a substantial assault against the general population here, particularly against future generations. The huge tax cuts for the rich, which mainly come on line after the next election, could be a very serious blow to the American people. The huge deficit is pretty much replaying what happened in the 1980s. The goal is to make it impossible to provide services for the general population like medical care, Social Security, infrastructure development, or protection of the environment.. This ensures that the government will direct its massive resources to the narrow power centers that the Bush



is the U.S., for example. Take the anthrax attack. In November and December that was considered a much more serious threat than September 11. . . . [Eventually] the anthrax attack was localized to a federal lab in the U.S . . . So, by their reasoning we should bomb the U.S. If you want to rid the world of potential threats, you'll have to destroy the world. If you want to be serious about reducing potential threats, not just working for power interests, what you'll do is look into the causes and reasons for terrorism, and try and deal with those. The correct response to a terrorist attack is not to lash out and murder people, but try to learn what lies behind it, and deal with the causes.

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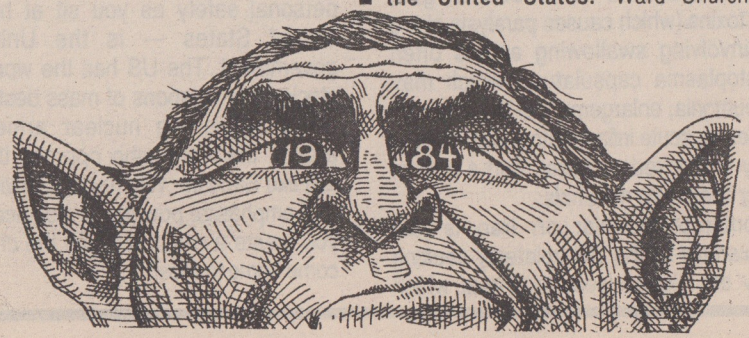
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Talking points against THE WAR





Compiled by Science Map, PB, K*

It's amazing that Bush & Co. have been so successful in whipping up the current war frenzy given the hollowness of their main justifications for the proposed war. While we don't want to rehash information that's abundantly available everywhere, we thought a few "talking points" for discussing the war would be helpful as people everywhere continue, in millions of conversations with friends, neighbors, loved ones, co-workers, etc. to turn public opinion against the war. We believe the indications of general public support for the war are a mile wide and an inch deep, if a majority of the public supports war at all. When you really talk to people, its obvious that *this is not our war* — its a war pushed by elites for their own reasons, not a war necessary to "protect American freedom." The crucial question is whether the raw public opinion, skepticism or opposition will really make any difference. In times like these, only mass, broad based popular non-cooperation may be capable of blocking the rush to war.

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In the case of Iraq, the justifications for war are especially absurd. Iraq is a tiny country, thousands of miles from US soil. Even the government concedes that Iraq is incapable of directly attacking US soil. Instead, Bush & Co. pull out manufactured dangers — that Iraq will arm terrorists (see discussion below). Bush even argues that Iraq is a threat to US pilots who are flying missions over the no-fly zone in Iraq — not much danger if they weren't there in the first place!

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Governments in general don't promote freedom and democracy — they are created to constrain individual freedom to permit economic elites to dominate. In the case of the United States, this is especially easy to see. The US has a remarkable history of propping up brutal dictators when it fits US interests, without regard to legitimacy, freedom, human rights or democracy. The crucial question for US government officials is *whether the dictator in question is willing to play ball,* not whether a particular regime was elected or whether it tortures or murders its own people.

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US officials have tacitly admitted that following "regime change" their main interest will be installing a government to keep Iraq from splitting apart. Iraq was artificially created by colonial powers and includes Sunni Muslims, Shiite Muslims and Kurds — competing ethnic groups that could splinter the country without a strong central authority. The US is not going to let democracy prevail in a post invasion Iraq if that means civil war and turmoil in the region, threatening the security of US ally Turkey and aiding US enemy Iran.

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James Jennings, president of Conscience International, further observed "The claim that al-Qaeda is in Iraq is disingenuous, if not an outright lie. Yes, the U.S. has known for some time that up to 400 al-Qaeda-type Muslim extremists, the Ansar al-Islam, formerly 'Jund al-Islam,' a splinter of the Iranian-backed Islamic Unity Movement of Kurdistan, were operating inside the Kurdish security zone set up under U.S. protection in the North of Iraq. For some reason this was kept quiet and has not been much reported in the mainstream media. Finally last Spring the Kurds themselves attacked and killed most of the terrorists in their territory, sending the rest fleeing for their lives across the border into Iran. Since this area was under U.S. protection, and not under Saddam Hussein's rule, it's pretty hard to claim that al-Qaeda operates in Iraq."

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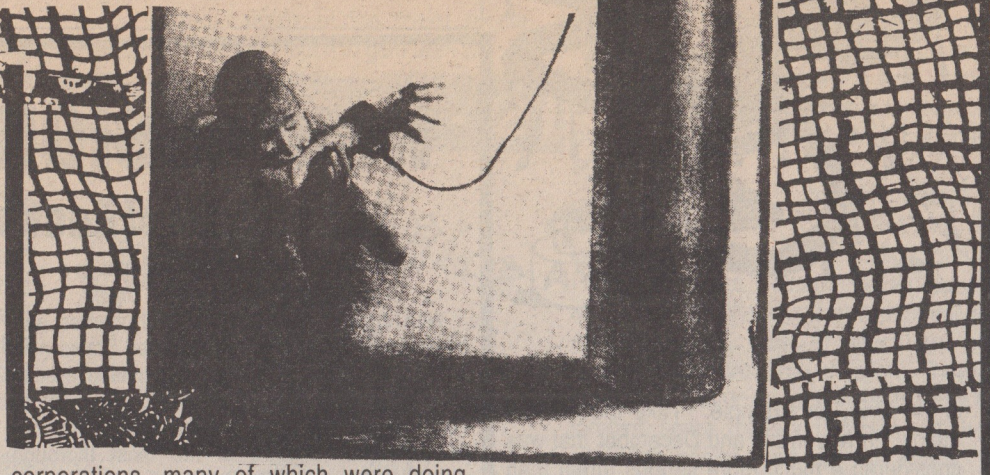
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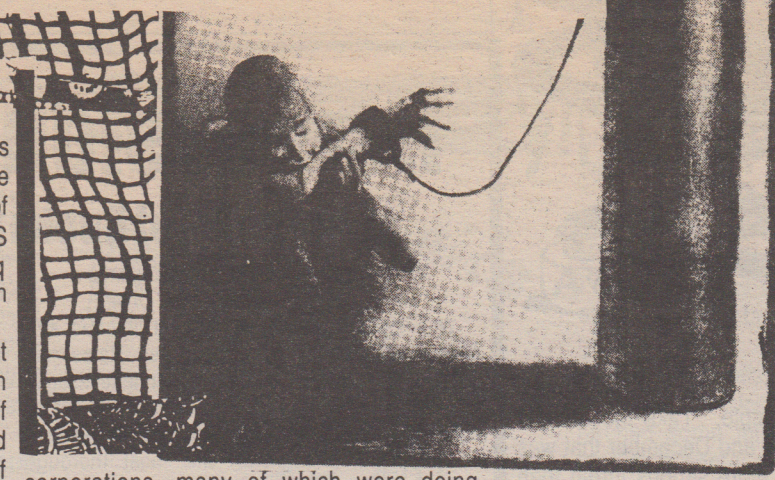
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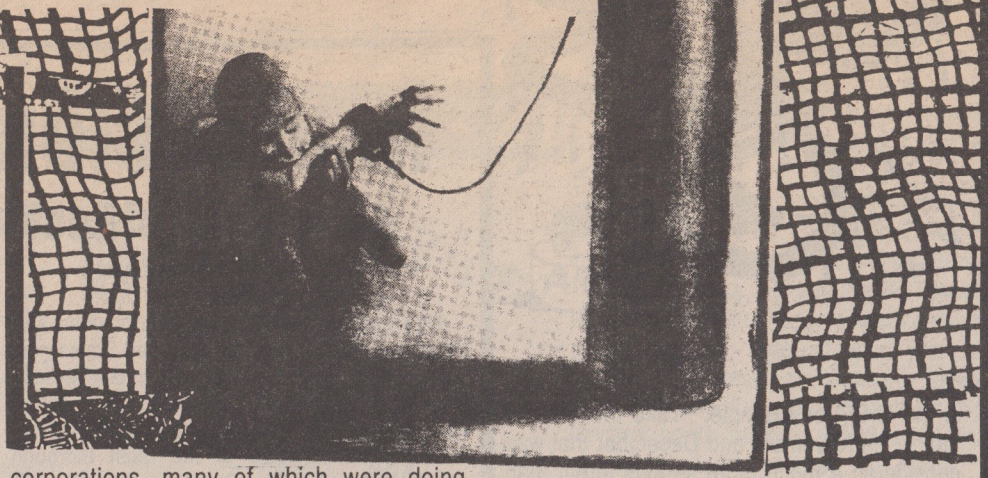
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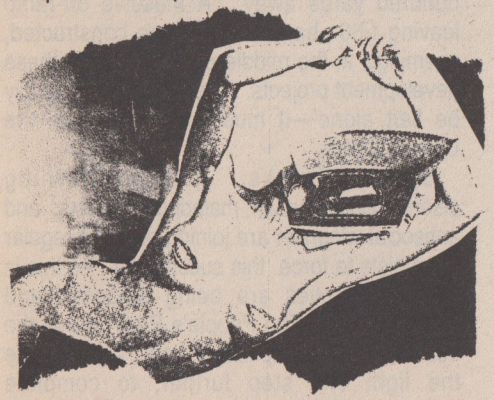
In fact, many countries around the world have developed or are developing weapons of mass destruction, yet Bush is only pushing an attack on Iraq. North Korea's recent announcement of their weapons of mass destruction program is particularly instructive — no preemptive US strike is under consideration. If possessing nuclear weapons were such a concern, the U.S. would be pushing the UN to authorize weapons inspectors to enter Pakistan, Israel, China, France and Britain. Its also interesting to note that the US has the world's largest stockpile of all forms of WMD. These weapons — no matter which government possesses them — are a huge threat to human beings seeking to live in peace everywhere. Bush doesn't care about removing weapons or limiting militarism generally — just using it as a pretext when its convenient.

Trans dude figures out why he cut off his tits!

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This is the third in a series of diary entries written by trans folks for Slingshot about their experiences.

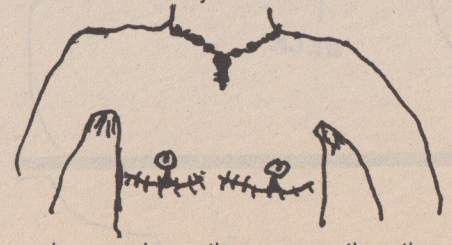
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In a brutal attack, Bay Area transgendered teenager Gwen Araujo was murdered by classmates at a party in her hometown of Newark, 50 miles south of Berkeley.

She is not alone. Hate crimes have significantly risen since September 11, 2001. Violence against transgendered people went up 41% between 2000 and 2001, according to the National Coalition of Anti-Violence Programs.

Across the country, and the world, people continue to believe that others-- trans or not-- are less than human, and that their lives are cheap. Would it be less shocking if a trans person was murdered in Montana or Mexico? Is this murder more tragic than the rash of homicides-- approaching 100-- in Oakland this year? The transgender revolution fights on all fronts.

People everywhere are struggling against the social demons that get in the way of people living their lives freely. We call for solidarity between people hurt and outraged by Gwen Araujo's murder and all others. There were thousands of people in the streets of both Fremont and San Francisco protesting Araujo's death. What if people took to the streets each time somebody was killed, making homicides not just one more aspect of everyday life? Oakland Mayor Jerry Brown's proposal to put 100 more cops on the streets will only further ingrain violence and repression into the fabric of life. People coming together in the streets send messages of support to survivors of violence and of intolerance to people who think violence is a necessary part of society. It also reminds city administrations that they should focus on the community support, not on community repression.

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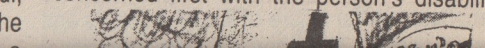
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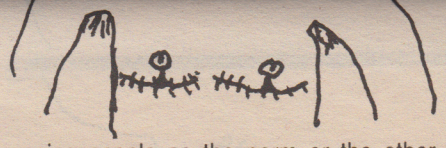
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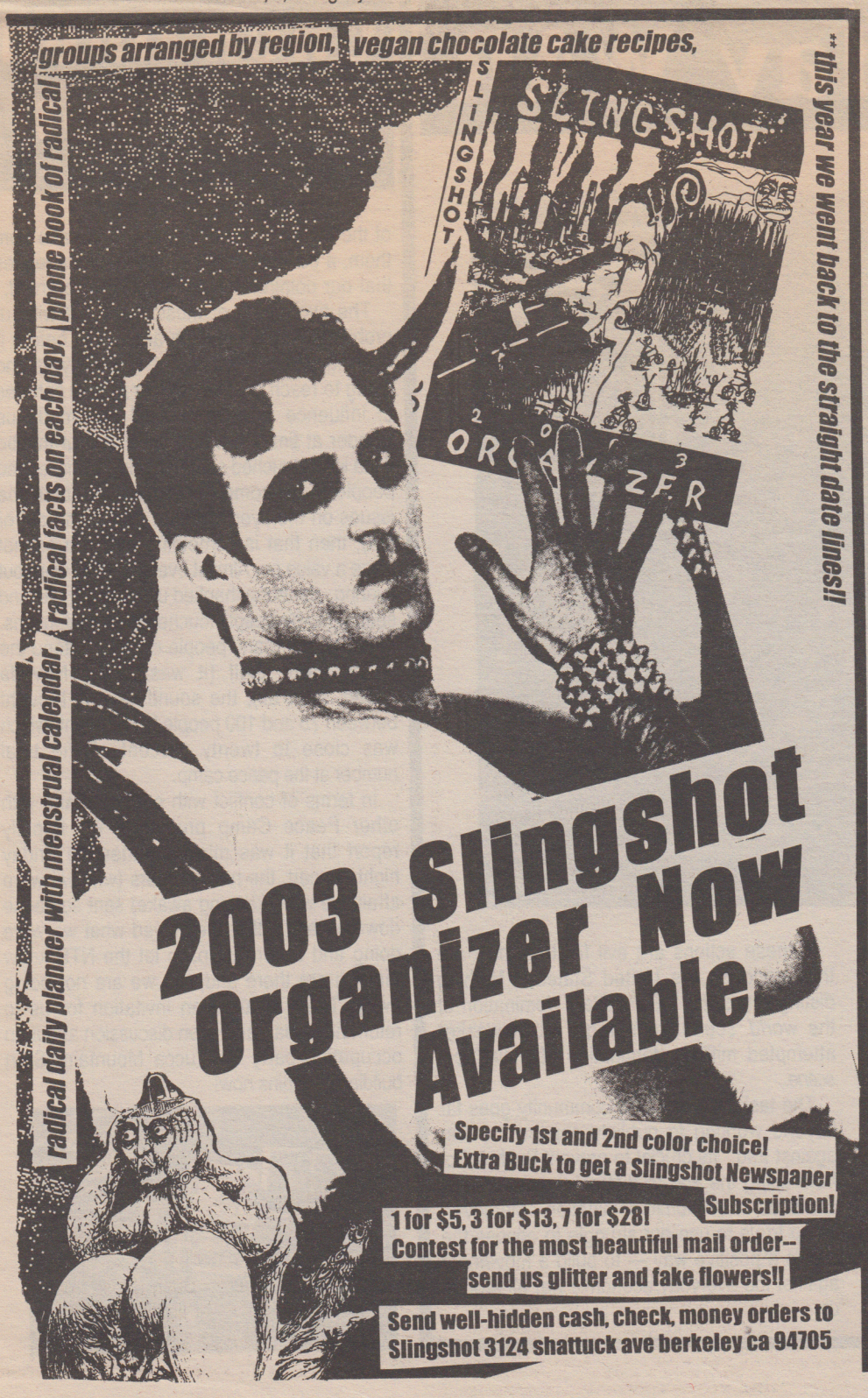


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While diagnosing a problem is an important step in solving it, healthcare issues are only one aspect of many that define every person's life. In this sense, people with disabilities are links in a spectrum of humanity, encompassing a whole range of bodies and minds. When you consider the vast range of conditions that are labeled disabilities-mental, physical, visible, invisible-the spectrum is clear. Who does not need assistance at one time or another?

Defend the Albany Landfill Freestate!

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natural state of the landfill is, first, water—and second, the way it is now. Plants and wildlife native to regenerating polluted fill live there already, as do people. The landfill is a necessary result of western civilization. It is not pristine Bay shoreline, almost completely destroyed by the 1950s as developers dumped huge amounts of fill into the bay. (One of the few pristine East Bay beaches is south of the landfill—try focussing on that, fuckers!) It is not friendly to folks sensitive to toxins, to folks reliant on the friendly accoutrements of modern western civilization—paved paths, bathrooms, blue light telephones, drinking fountains, doggie poop collection bags. The State, however, must 'disappear' their trash, pretend that their industrial trash can be transformed into a social environment, in order to continue creating crap. Liberal Berkelians insist that modern society is completely and benignly recyclable – piles of refuse are really parkland, and pristine shoreline, art galleries, and purebred dog runs at that. This trash pile is worthwhile, but not because it is recyclable



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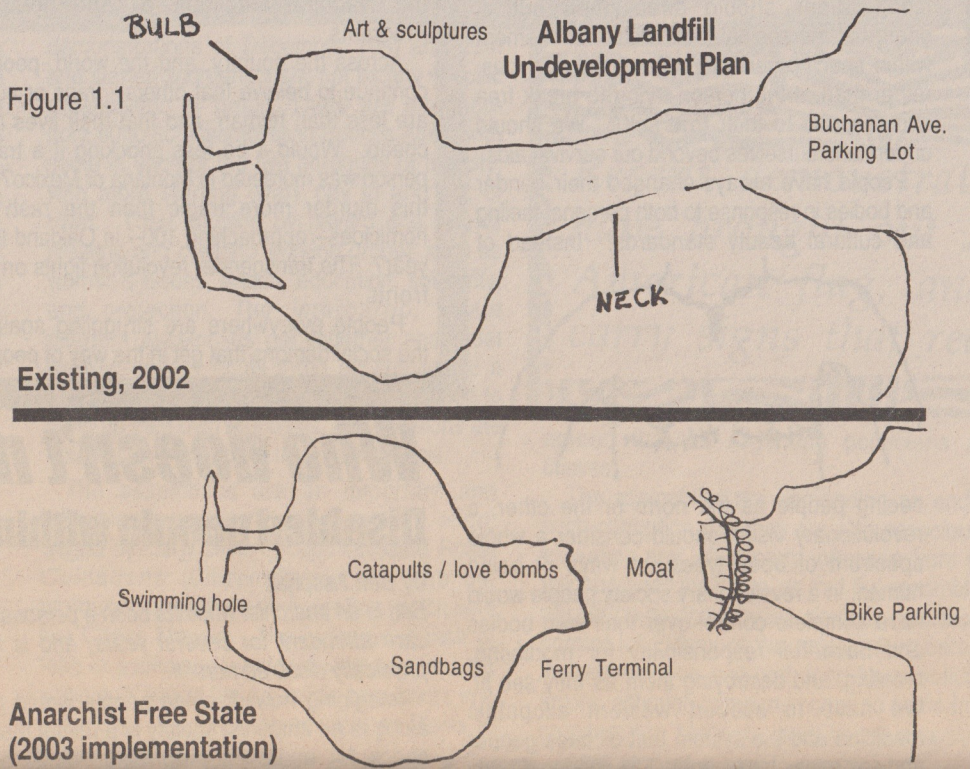
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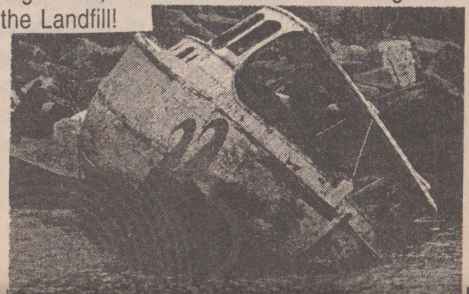


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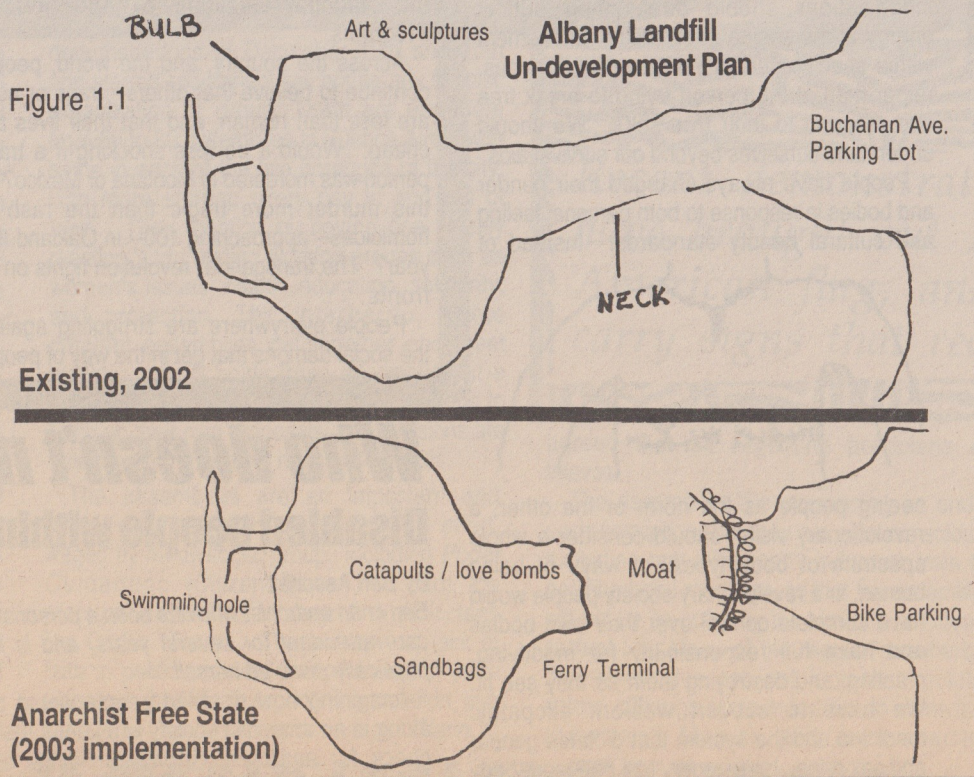
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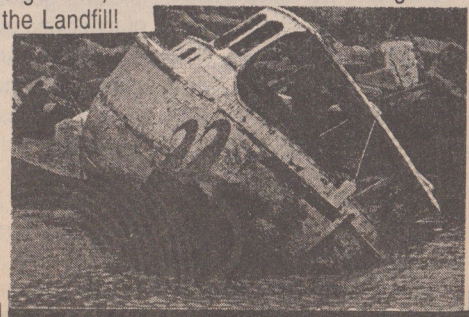
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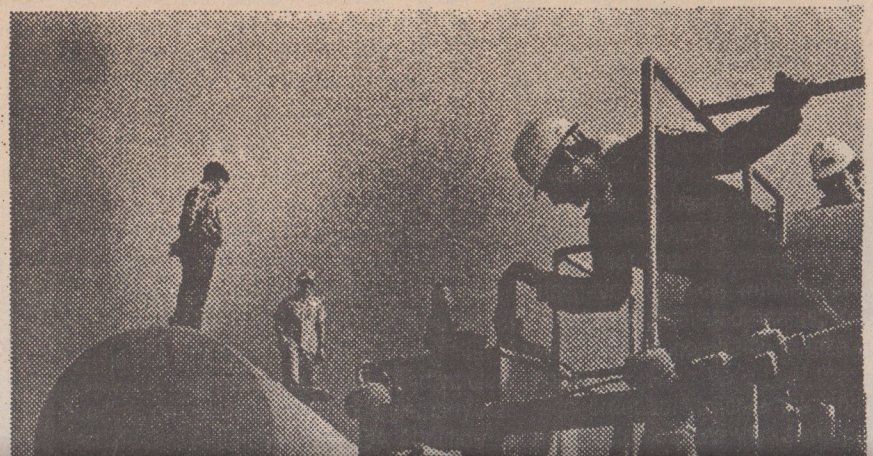


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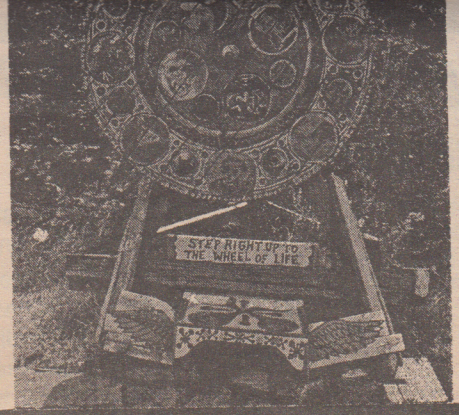


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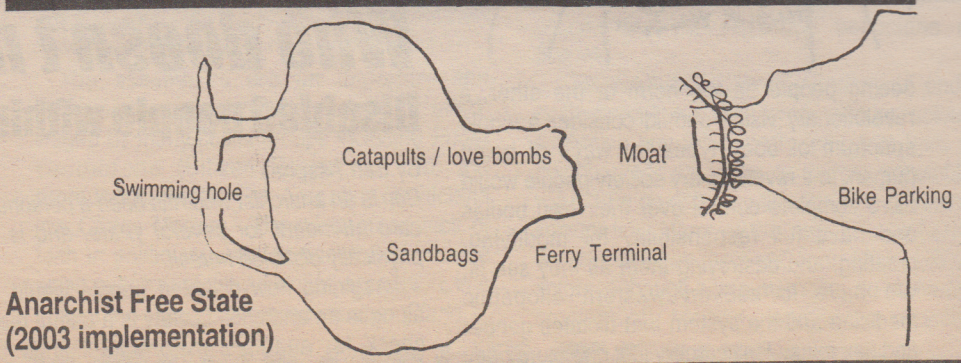
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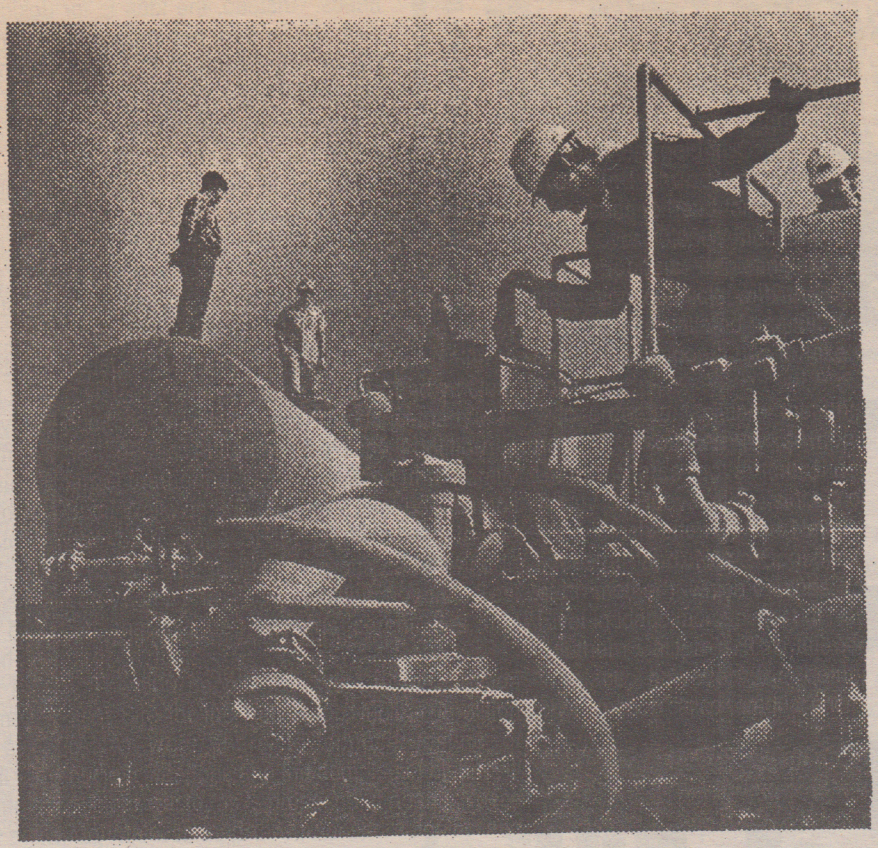
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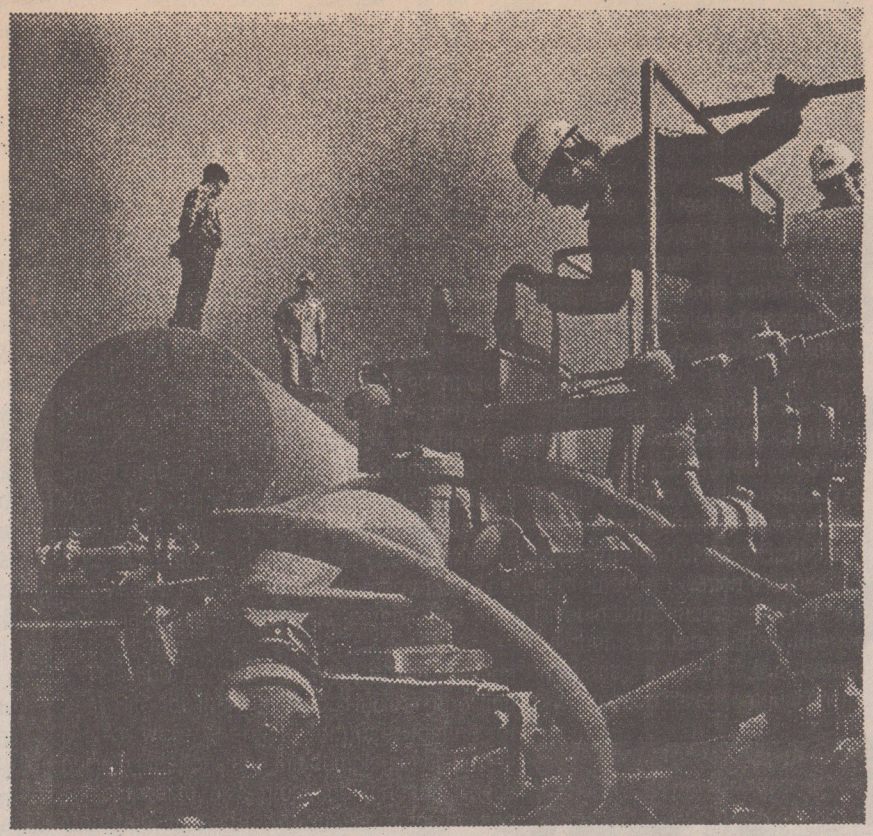
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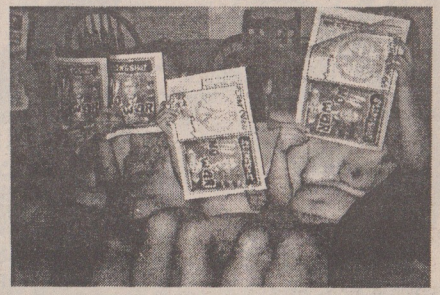
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The two nights of music were not without problems, some of which arose well before it ever happened. Getting out 10,000 flyers and trying to reach out beyond our normal spheres of influence was really hard and made us wonder at times if it was worth it. But maybe if the ideas touched some people, or challenged people to do some self education about the issues on the flyer (whether they came out or not), then that is something that you cannot place a value on. Almost every time we were out flyering, someone thanked us for doing this and seemed to be deeply touched by our intentions. Although not many people came to attend the dance party itself (it was in the Navada desert, after all), the soundsystems brought between 75 and 100 people to the event, which was close to twenty percent of the total number at the peace camp.

In terms of conflict with our hosts and with other Peace Camp protestors we happily report that it was minimal. After the Friday night concert, the native elders (who we were afraid we were keeping awake) sent someone down to tell us that they loved what we were doing and to turn it up, to let the NTS know that we are there and that we are not going away. There is an open invitation for us to return next year, and even discussion about an occupation party on Yucca Mountain. Start building bassbins now!



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A scene critique

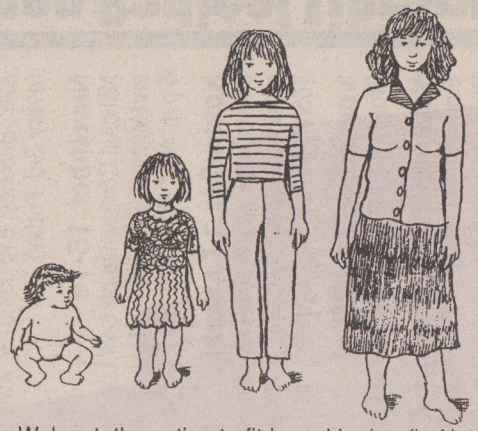
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flier-makers rarely think about noting whether an event is wheelchair accessible-and resource-poor DIY organizations end up holding events in inaccessible back rooms or fixer-upper houses, rather than prioritizing accessibility. In a culture where few own cars, many ride bikes, and parties often happen up rickety stairs or in the middle of an abandoned factory, people with different mobility situations going on have to put more effort into getting to a DIY event. If events are not accessible, some folks might not even want to go to them.

Even with lipservice supporting the working class, families, and immigrants, the culture is not set up to meet their needs. People are often surprised to hear that somebody is working long hours to support their family or because they don't have the financial cushion to take on major financial investments (transsexuai surgery, overseas travel, equipment costs, etc.) while still "living for free".

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Walmart, the option to fit in and be 'cool'. Not exercising your option is only half the process of breaking down the institution. The pressure to fit in, the option to be sexist, is still there-you're just not participating. Privilege and social hierarchy will exist as long as the system that perpetuates them exists, and attacking the root of the privilege, the system, is necessary to eradicate the privilege.

Everyone fits into both mainstream and the DIY counterculture differently. People change, and lives include contradictions. There are no perfect anarkoids. When we are open to hearing about what other people are doing, we see that the 'scene' is actually a lot less homogenous than we perhaps thought, and we are more relaxed about hanging out with people who we thought were different than us. At this point the scene changes into a movement.

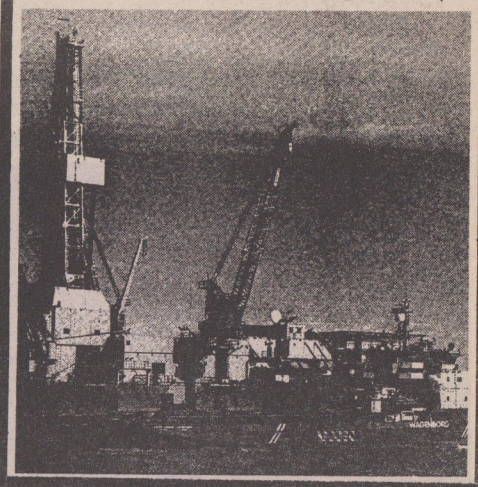
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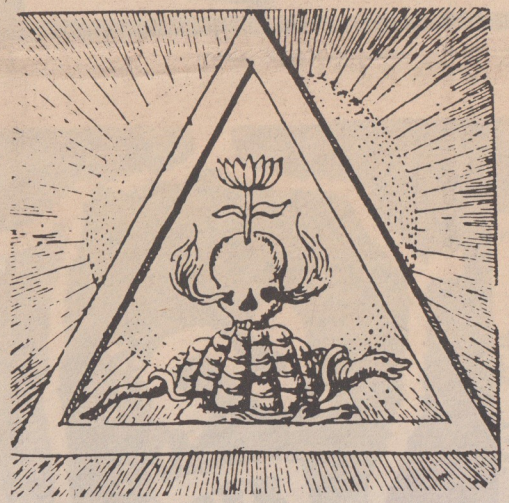
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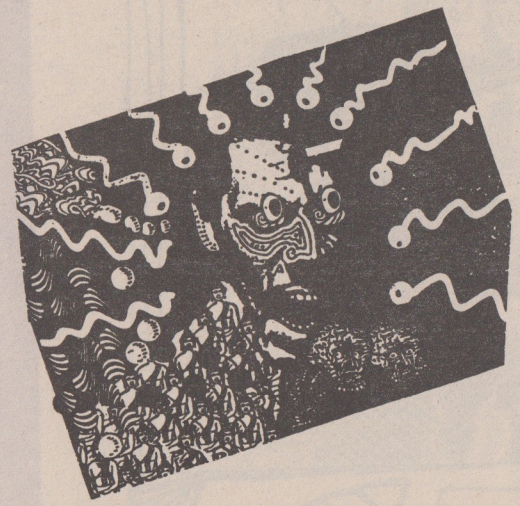
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Dedication to eradication of hierarchy and capitalism requires that one follow a certain course.

The first step to revolution is confronting yourself. Many people tend to disregard this step or claim that they have experienced it while in reality they are shamelessly perpetuating hierarchy within their radical community. Oftentimes knowledge of current events and history is mistaken for awareness.

Looking at oneself and changing socialized behaviors that reflect fears and insecurities which are partially responsible (along with structural factors) for institutions such as sexism, homophobia, and racism is no small task. This means confronting fears, studying dynamics in relationships, and if followed through it means having a transformative experience and breaking free of the power of socialization. In doing so one gains control over his/her own socialization (it never disappears)



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Once awareness has been raised in a community the question of those who have taken personal responsibility becomes "what can we do?" This is the closest we have ever come to seeing revolution. This joining together of dedicated revolutionaries can and has led to amazing organizing and group work. The Zapatistas are a formidable example of revolutionary organizing. This is the difference between an activist and a revolutionary.

This leads us to the unknown final step in reaching revolution. Unknown because it has never existed. When a large enough transformation takes place and it is a movement of people who truly have experienced the aforementioned steps, then there is a strong basis for a true revolutionary movement: a movement that is truly committed to changing the system and eradicating hierarchy. A revolution under any other circumstances will only be a tiring repetition of age-old struggles for power with varying levels and appearances of oppression.

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If the PMA and the government are allowed to keep the union from organizing contracts coast wide or to replace the union workers with the military, we may see the most vicious international labor battle in history. As *Slingshot* goes to press, the 80-day cooling off period is still in effect and negotiations are continuing. There can be no war abroad without a war at home, and this has never been clearer with this attack against the ILWU. Support the ILWU, because this battle will affect workers the world over. The ILWU has taken stands for social justice and will continue to do so; they will not be cowed.

For information on how you can support the dockworkers in case Bush and the PMA attempt to replace them with the military, check out www.portsolidarity2002.org.

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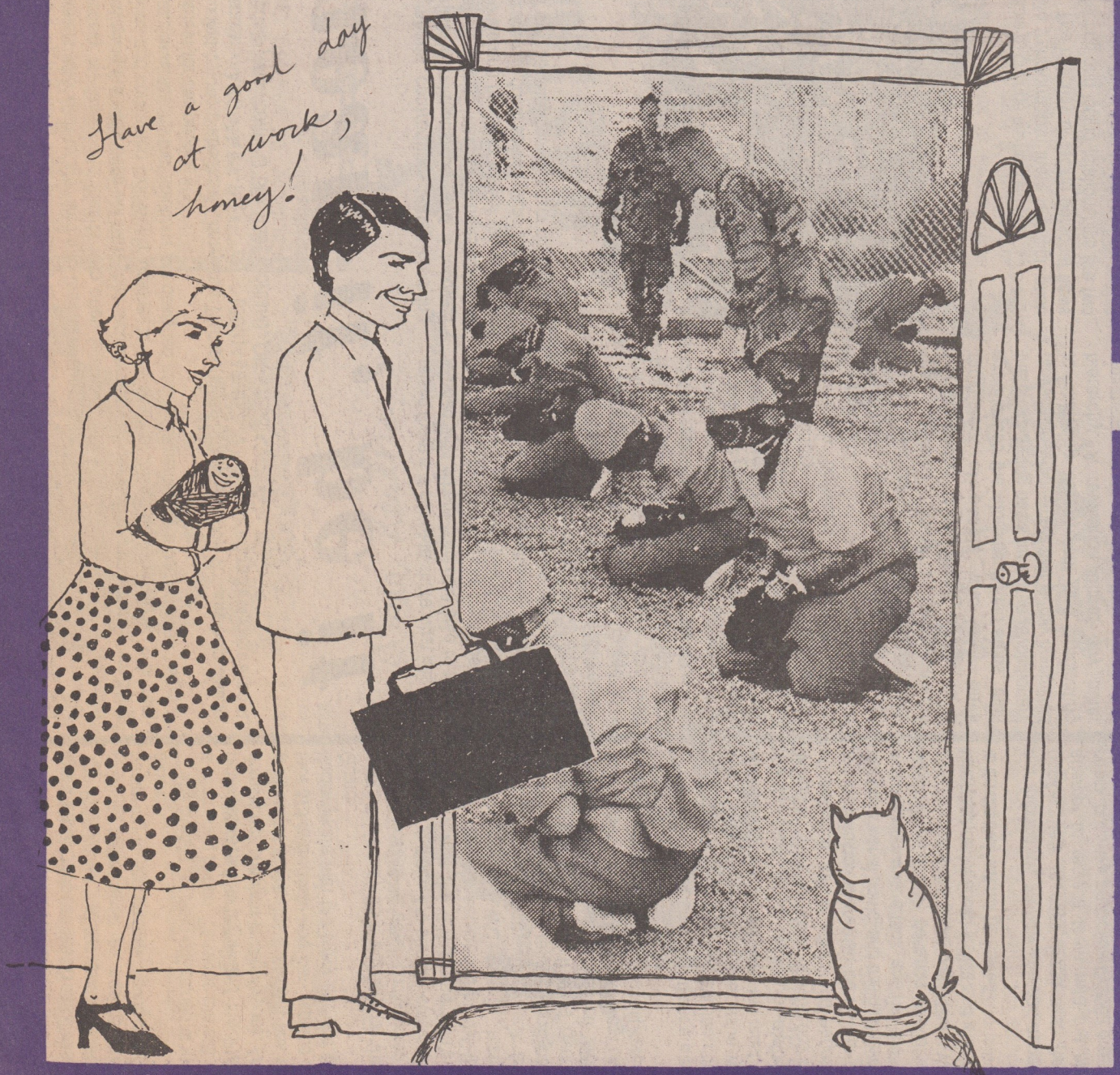
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